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For: CIRCUIT BOARD SINGULATION METHODS (As Amended)**Remarks**

The Office Action mailed June 24, 2004 has been received and reviewed. No claims have been amended, cancelled, or added. Therefore, the pending claims are claims 63-68. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks provided herein.

Priority, The Title, and The Abstract

Various amendments to the specification, title and abstract have been made to address the informality issues raised by the Examiner. As such, the objections made by the Examiner are overcome.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 63-68 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,047,470. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer which, Applicants submit, is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) and thereby obviates the Examiner's double patenting rejection of pending claims 63-68.

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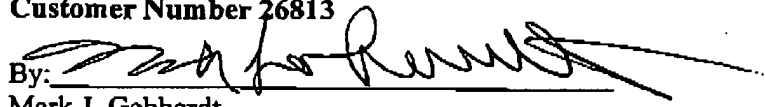
It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8:

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Transmittal Letter and the paper(s), as described hereinabove, are being transmitted by facsimile in accordance with 37 CFR §1.6(d) to the Patent and Trademark Office, addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 24th day of September, 2004, at 1:50PM (Central Time).

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